NEW AMERICAN MOVEMENT

The New American Movement has begun circulating a petition demanding the impeachment of Richard M. Nixon as President of the United States. The National Interim Committee of NAM made this unanimous decision on May 12th at its meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, and made plans for the immediate circulation of a petition by our nation-wide organization's 40 local chapters.

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orchestrated press conferences featuring selected POW's testimonials. Although the Pentagon Papers reveal that several consecutive Presidents have lied to us about the Vietnam war; *lying has been raised to an act of patriotism by this administration. White House "sources" are no longer impeachable.*

The above-listed charges are not "chance illegalities" nor are they simply the result of "personal ambitions". They result primarily because of the need by politicians and corporate capitalism to hide their true, self-interests from the American people and to obscure the behind-the-scene decision-making by the President and his corporate sponsors like ITT.

Under our present system, public politics rest largely on personalities so that the real issues, the policies at stake, can be avoided and the majority of us kept in ignorance. The Republicans and Democrat's basic goal is the same: to protect a few capitalist monopolies' investments abroad and their exclusive profit-making abilities here at home as well.

The basic needs of the American people --material well-being & security, the right to self-determination & creative life/work-- are subordinate to these corporate interests and are undermined regardless of which party holds power. It would be wrong to believe that another group of capitalist politicians would resolve the crisis to our satisfaction. But currently, the Nixon administration is more openly the partisan of big business and their policies which are detrimental to the lives of working people and the unemployed.

The Nixon administration's contempt for its own much-heralded policy of 'law & order' is in line with its attacks on wage earners and poor people. It has also refused to live up to its commitment to peace and complete withdrawal from Indochina, even though the Vietnamese are defeating American corporation's imperial plans for economic expansion in Southeast Asia.

Any weakening of Nixon and his governmental machine is to the advantage of both the Vietnamese and American people whose common interest lies in peace. We both must fight the war-making policies of Nixon & Thieu to preserve peace and democracy.

Our demand that Nixon be impeached means we believe *power must be returned to the people* whose collective hopes and aspriations --not the vanity and dictates of one politician-- should determine America's direction for the next four years and those beyond.

We must stand *for* Constitution rights, economic democracy, and peace *and against* Big Brotherism, monopolistic profit-making, and continued war.

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OUR ACTIVITIES:

The purpose of this impeachment campaign is to provide NEW AMERICAN MOVEMENT chapters with some public activity, mass work and visibility during this crisis period of heightened political discussion. It hopefully will also activate new or dormant members and even stimulate the spontaneous formation of *ad hoc* committees to unelect (impeach) the President where chapters don't exist.

The National Interim Committee and national office suggest the following activities and goals:

1. USE THE ENCLOSED STATEMENT AS A PRESS RELEASE or prepare one, using it as a basis. Send or deliver it to all local newspapers and radio & television stations. If you are planning a press conference, try to coalesce the broadest coalition possible while setting it up.

2. ADD TO THE PRESS RELEASE WHATEVER PLANS YOUR CHAPTER OR GROUP HAS FOR ACTION. Even if you aren't able to take demonstrative action, use the press release anyway by sending it to area newspapers, local wire-service outlets, and the electronic media.

   Always supply a local chapter address, and if you're planning a press conference, it's best to send out an announcement of its time and place as made by a reachable media coordinator.

3. REPRODUCE COPIES OF THE PETITION --xerox, reprint or mimeograph-- and notify as many people as possible, either by mailing it to relevant contacts or by phone, that a campaign to return power to the people is underway and the petition is available for use as a tool.

4. CONTACT OTHER PROGRESSIVE GROUPS, local organizing collectives, and rank & file labor or community groups. Talk to them about our statement, the impeachment demand and NAM's petition. This situation should present ample opportunities to talk about NAM and its political perspectives, as well as its other noteable programs.

5. You could propose to supply petitions to other circles of people, offer NAM speakers and hold public forums or rallies when conditions permit.

6. WELL-THOUGHTOUT THEATRICAL ACTIONS or CONFRONTATIONS by our committees to unelect the President with CREEP officials or local fatcat Nixon-supporters should be designed to solicit press attention, subsequent attendance at a local press conference and media exposure of our campaign so people know other folks are openly talking about Nixon's impeachment.

7. SET UP Impeachment Information Centers where appropriate --tables on campuses, public places, at community meetings, etc.

8. After a week or two of this first stage of mass work, chapters and other groups near enough Washington, D.C., could organize a local contingent to attend the JUNE 16TH MOBILIZATION scheduled to happen there this spring. Local support demonstrations and smaller (yet well-targeted) demonstrative actions should be considered by chapters and groups unable to make it to Washington June 16th.

   However, June 16th's Mobilization to the Capitol should <u>not</u> be the end-all of our campaign, but rather, the first mass action demanding impeachment --to be followed by more local work extending outward to as many as will listen and struggle to release their potential collective power.

REMEMBER: KICK HIM AROUND WHILE HE'S DOWN --BECAUSE IF HE GETS THROUGH THIS SEVENTH CRISIS, HIS EIGHTH ONE WILL COST YOU AND AMERICA EVEN MORE.

NO MORE SECRET WARS, SUBVERSION OF DEMOCRACY OR WAGE FREEZES!
IMPEACH NIXON! RETURN POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
New American Movement
Address

For More Information Call:
Name
Phone Number

H E A D L I N E

The first paragraph should announce the press conference, tell what is being planned (petition campaign, demands, demonstrative action, coalition forming, etc.), and who is doing it.

The remaining paragraphs should give the rationale. A press release should be no longer than two pages, double spaced with short, clear sentences and paragraphs. You can use the enclosed statement to help you write it, however, the entire statement would be too long.

In calling a press conference you should first reserve the local press club and find out what other press conferences are scheduled for that day. Try to schedule it not too early in the morning or at the end of several others. Releases should be sent to all local newspapers, radio and television stations, Associated Press, and United Press International. (All addresses will be listed in the phone directory, and it is wise to write "For Immediate Release" on the envelop.) It is best to hand deliver the releases rather than mailing them since you may be able to talk to reporters about the importance of covering it.

Call the city destks of major media outlets on the morming of the conference to remind them of it and offer to read a statement over the phone if they can't send anyone. Press packets containing a second press release, backup materials, a leaflet or copy of a petition should be given to the reporters as they arrive.

It is best to have no more than two people reading or presenting a statement and answering questions from the press. Be confident and assertive!

to: NAM and friends
from: NIC & NO

subject:
WATERGATE

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Each day there is a new disclosure of Nixon's deceit, his contempt for the Constitution & Congress, his distaste for the working press, and his paternalism towards we, the people. The President's closet advisors have been implicated in crimes which threaten the basic principles of the Bill of Rights. Like a character in Brecht's Threepenny Opera, Attorney General Mitchell has been shown to be as much a law-breaker as a law-enforcer. The White House has bugged & sabotaged its opposition, attempted to bribe the judge in the Pentagon Papers case, "influenced" the Supreme Court, and handed out millions to its corporate sponsors like Vesco, ITT & Howard Hughes. Recent evidence proves that the President's trips to Moscow & Peking last year were planned & staged to feed directly into his '72 re-election campaign, yet he hypocritically points to them as "diplomatic successes" and warns the Vietnamese against abridging the Ceasefire Agreement *he has violated* thru covert warfare *since he was forced to sign it in January*.

It is almost too much to believe & comprehend: Many Americans--including the most politically active & concerned-- would just as soon overlook the magnitude of America's current Constitutional crisis & try to muddle through, continuing their usual work & hoping for the best. Nixon himself encourages this attitude of cynicism, telling everyone in effect "don't worry I'll take care of everything." And he will *if given the chance to get away with it.*

But we strongly believe WATERGATE demands an assertive response from all the progressive forces in this country. Not since the Moratorium of 1969 has it been so essential (and possible) that we move, breaking out of our own circles and narrow efforts to reach out to others through mass organizing work. The American people are following WATERGATE closely and are accessible & curious, if not downright outraged by Nixon's deceit. During the next few weeks, we will have an unparalleled chance to focus our energies, concentrate them on visible targets & demands and generate more activity --if only a few people in each community take initial action and turn on others, remaining open and providing varied kinds of activity, probing for the level around which people are most ready to organize.

Won't you take a chance and at least temporarily suspend your reservations and inertia? If Nixon emerges from this seventh crisis of his political career with his full power and "halo of infallibility" intact, history may record WATERGATE as our Reichstag and we will regret our inaction. Join us in this national effort to talk to the people and return power to them where it belongs. *Now more than ever*--
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send completed petitions directly to your district's congressperson.